

THESEUS Seminar for Young Leaders 2014
“The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership”
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To promote interdisciplinary and international networks among a new generation of Europeans, each year the THESEUS Seminars look for 30 excellent young professionals and researchers to discuss European challenges with high-level experts and decision makers. THESEUS is a well-established European network of thinkers and actors whose aim is to foster a dialogue between academia and politics about the future challenges of Europe (www.theseus-europe.net).

Topic of the Seminar:

In view of the current debate on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, the seminar will deal with a European Council simulation. Participants are required to prepare and argue the position of a member of the European Council.

The seminar will feature speakers and high-level experts from international organisations, business, politics, as well as recognised researchers. An experienced researcher from a renowned university will accompany the seminar as **THESEUS Resident Researcher**. Beyond own teaching the researcher will animate the debate and advice students on group and individual basis. The participants will have the possibility to bring in their own academic/professional contributions and to discuss them with the group and the experts. Three days of intensive preparation will be followed by a simulation exercise of the European Council.

Qualification of students:

Students that are eligible for participation shall comply with the qualification of at least advanced (master level) students of international relations and European studies. Thus PhD Students are also eligible. Teaching language is English.

Schedule of the Seminar:

The Simulation exercise is scheduled to take place in Brussels **Monday 23 June – Friday 27 June 2014**. Three days of intensive preparation (including presentations of selected EU practitioners) will be followed by two days of the actual simulation exercise. However, participants will be asked to coordinate and prepare the simulation in the months prior to this week in Brussels. Detailed information will be provided once the group of participants has been nominated.

Applications: Deadline 31/03/2014

Participants will be selected on the basis of a motivation letter explaining their interest in the topic against the background of their CV and their professional career. There is no tuition fee – including course materials and accommodation. Travel costs are only reimbursed for students in financial need. Please send your cover letter, CV and certificates by 31/03/2014 via e-mail to Aline Bartenstein, THESEUS project officer (aline.bartenstein@uni-koeln.de).